

Exorcising the Seven Deadly Data Sins

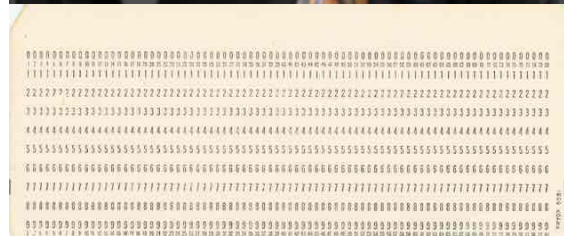
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 - Nokia
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 - Wells Fargo
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 - ...



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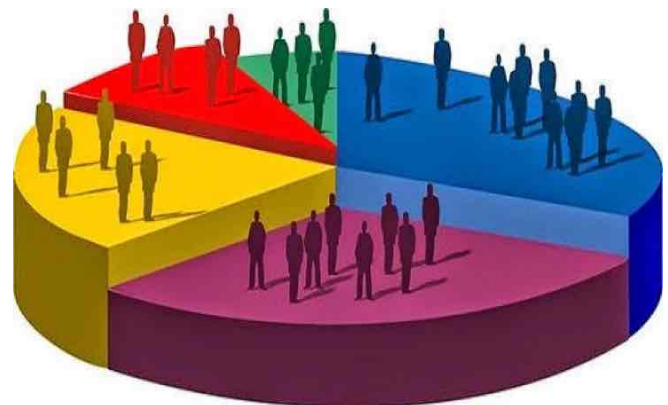


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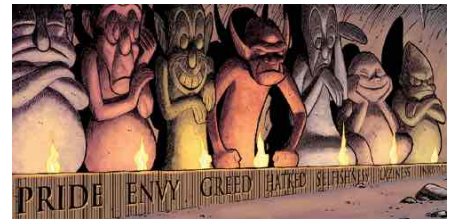
- How many self identify as primarily business?
- How many self identify as IT?
- How many as both?
- How many are satisfied with their ability to leverage data in support of the organizational mission?



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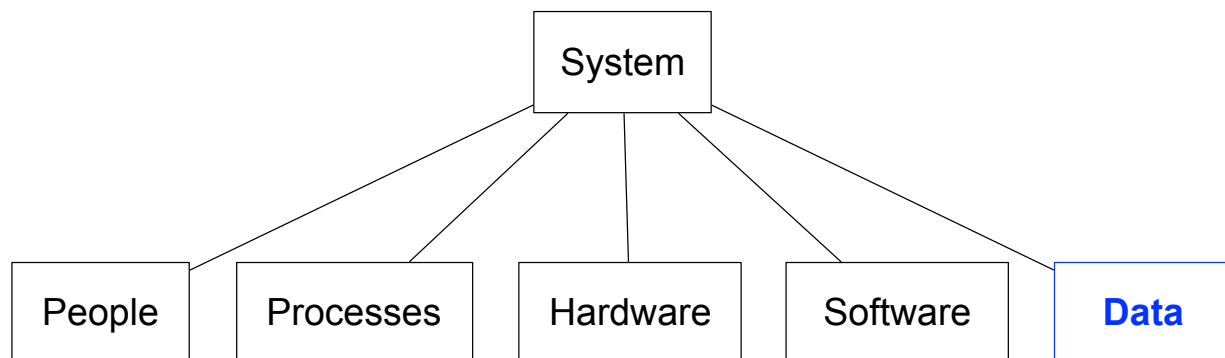
Context

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What is a system?

- A set of detailed methods, procedures, and routines established or formulated to carry out a specific activity, perform a duty, or solve a problem.
- An organized, **purposeful** structure regarded as a whole and consisting of interrelated and interdependent elements (components, entities, factors, members, parts etc.). These elements continually influence one another (directly or indirectly) to maintain their activity and the existence of the system, in order to achieve the **goal** of the system.





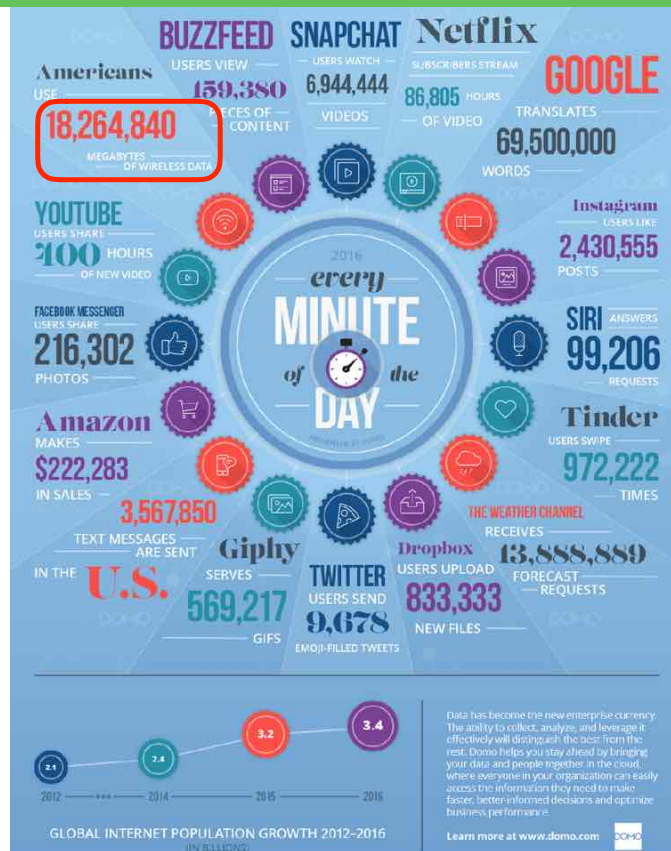
As articulated by Micheline Casey



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How much data was generated
every minute in 2016!

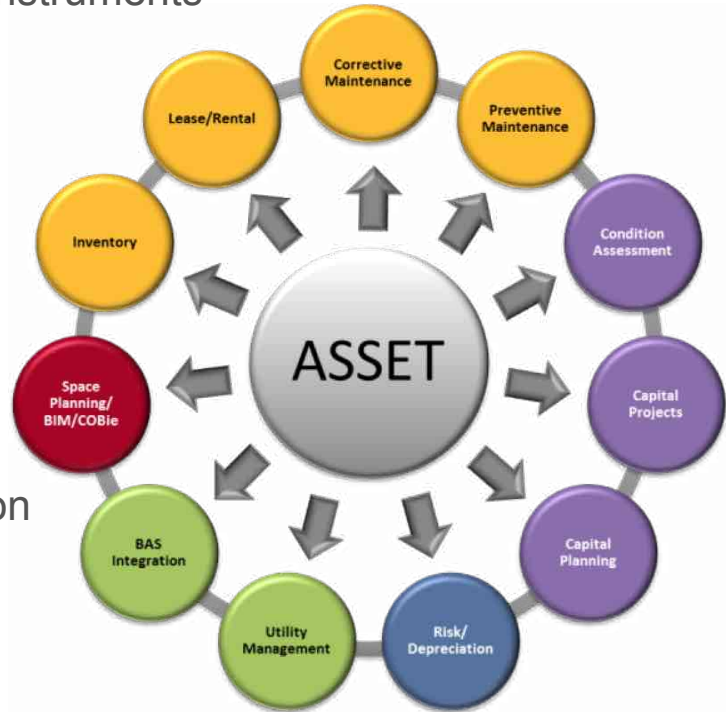


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Organizational Assets

- Cash & other financial instruments
- Real property
- Inventory
- Intellectual Property
- Human
 - Knowledge
 - Skills
 - Abilities
- Financial
- Organizational reputation
- Good will
- Brand name
- **Data!!!**



Data Assets Win!

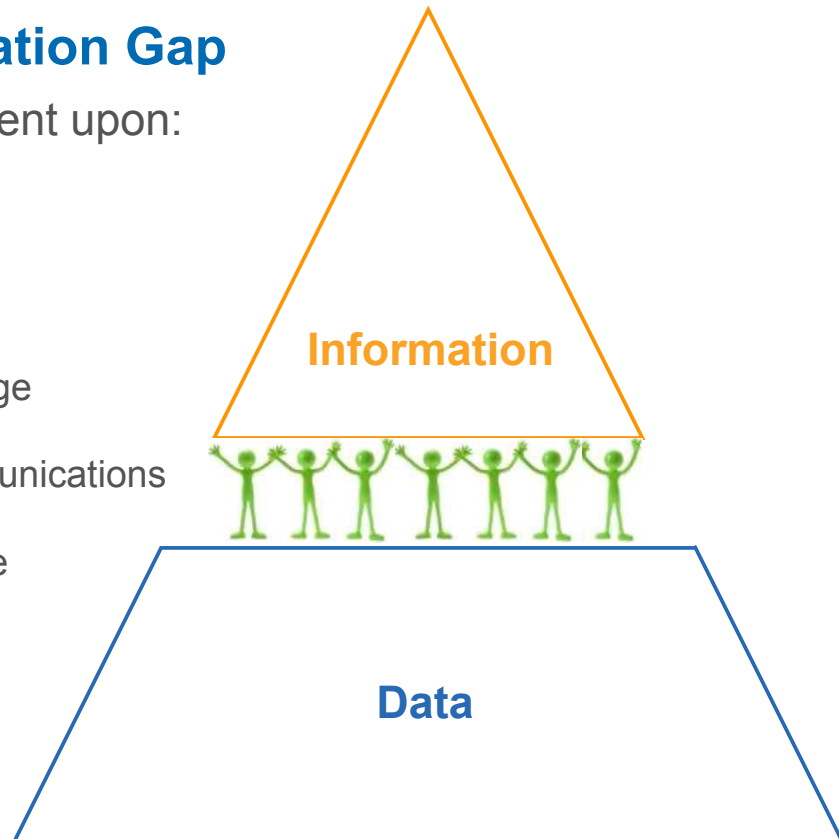
Asset: A resource controlled by the organization as a result of past events or transactions and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow [Wikipedia]

- Today, data is the most powerful, yet underutilized and poorly managed organizational asset
- Data is your
 - Sole
 - Non-depletable
 - Non-degrading
 - Durable
 - Strategic
- Asset
 - Data is the new oil!
 - Data is the new (s)oil!
 - Data is the new bacon!
- As such, data deserves:
 - It's own strategy
 - Attention on par with similar organizational assets
 - Professional ministrition to make up for past neglect

	Data Assets	Financial Assets	Real Estate Assets	Inventory Assets
Non-depletable	Available for subsequent use	Can be used up		Can be used up
Non-degrading	✓	✓	Can degrade over time	Can degrade over time
Durable	Non-taxed		✓	✓
Strategic Asset	✓	✓	✓	✓

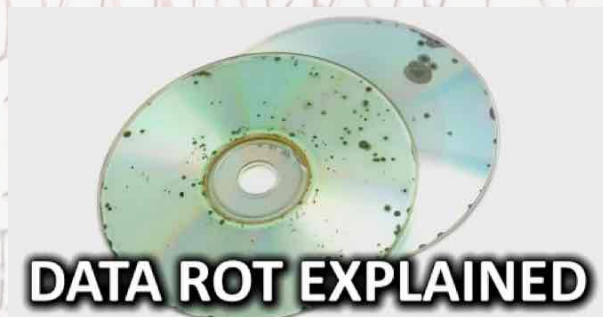
Data / Information Gap

- Overly dependent upon:
 - Human-beings
 - Wetwear
 - Tribal knowledge
 - Informal communications
 - Non-repeatable practices



Separating the Wheat from the Chaff

- Data that is better organized increases in value
- Poor data management practices are costing organizations much money/time/effort
- 80% of organizational data is ROT
 - Redundant
 - Obsolete
 - Trivial



Put simply, organizations:

- Have little idea what data they have

- Do not know where it is (and)

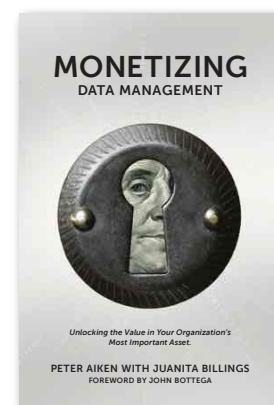


- Do not know what their knowledge workers do with it

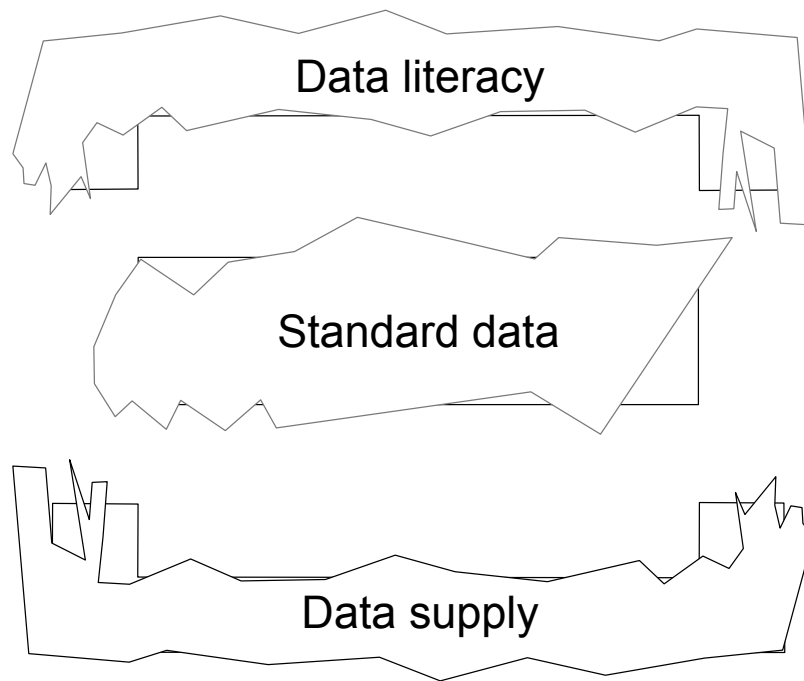
Data is a hidden IT Expense

- Organizations spend between 20 - 40% of their IT budget evolving their data - including:
 - Data **migration**
 - Changing the location from one place to another
 - Data **conversion**
 - Changing data into another form, state, or product
 - Data **improving**
 - Inspecting and manipulating, or re-keying data to prepare it for subsequent use

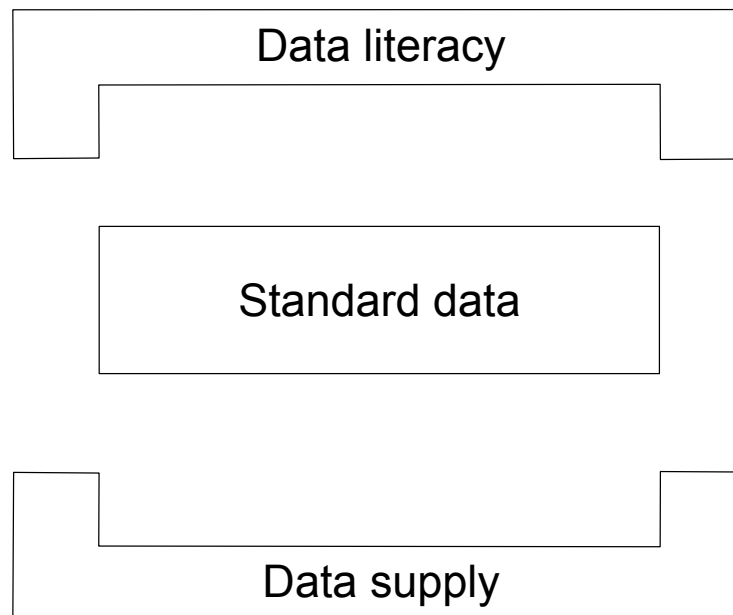
— Source: *John Zachman*



Making a Better Data Sandwich

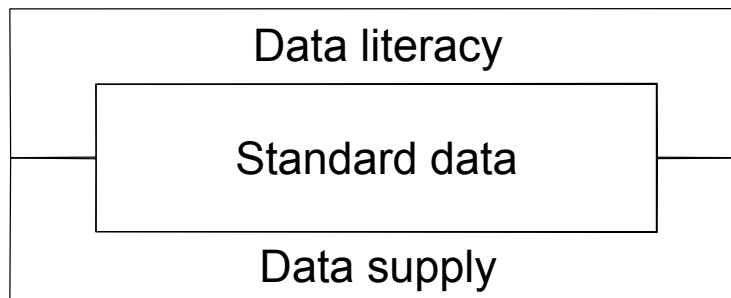


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This cannot happen without engineering and architecture!



*Quality engineering/architecture work products
do not happen accidentally!*

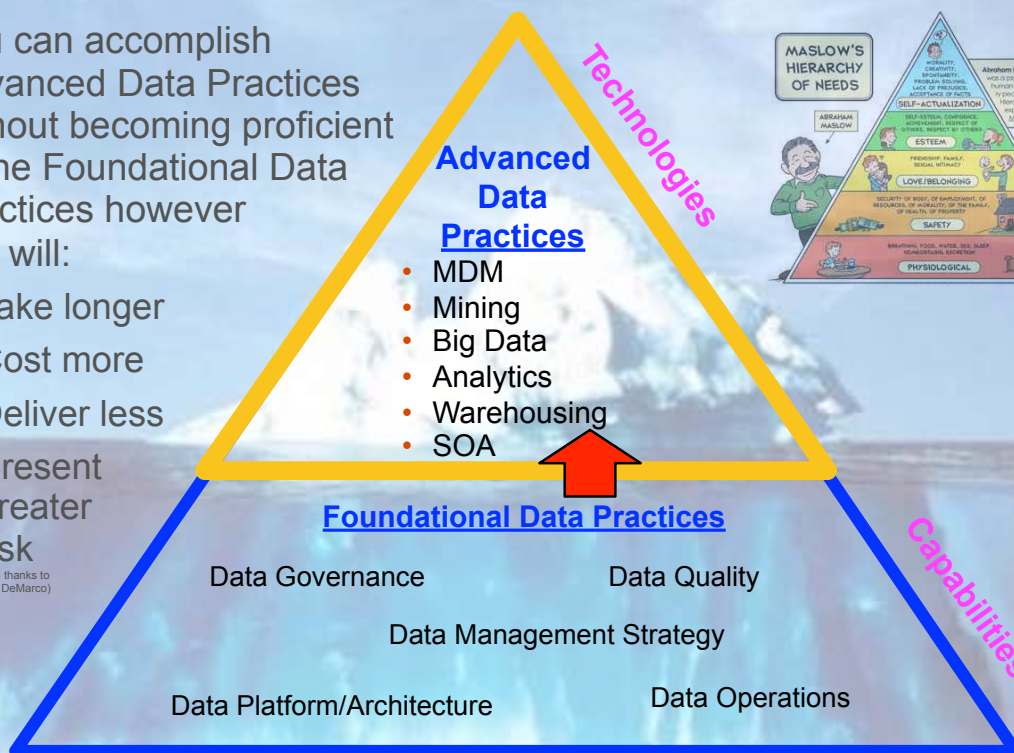


Data Management Practices Hierarchy

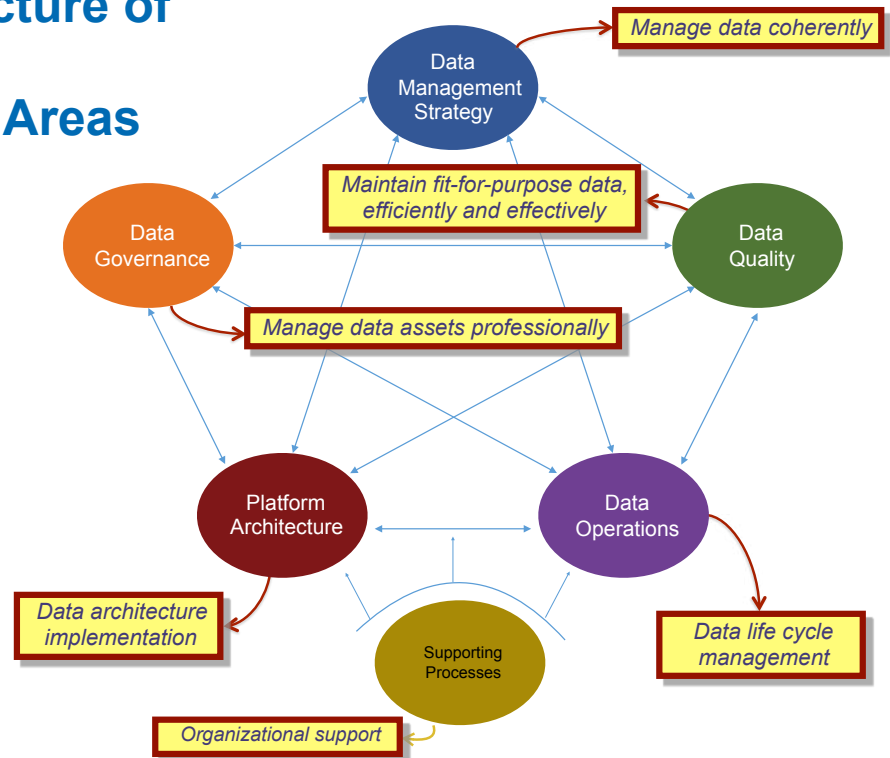
You can accomplish
Advanced Data Practices
without becoming proficient
in the Foundational Data
Practices however
this will:

- Take longer
- Cost more
- Deliver less
- Present greater risk

(with thanks to
Tom DeMarco)



DMMSM Structure of 5 Integrated DM Practice Areas



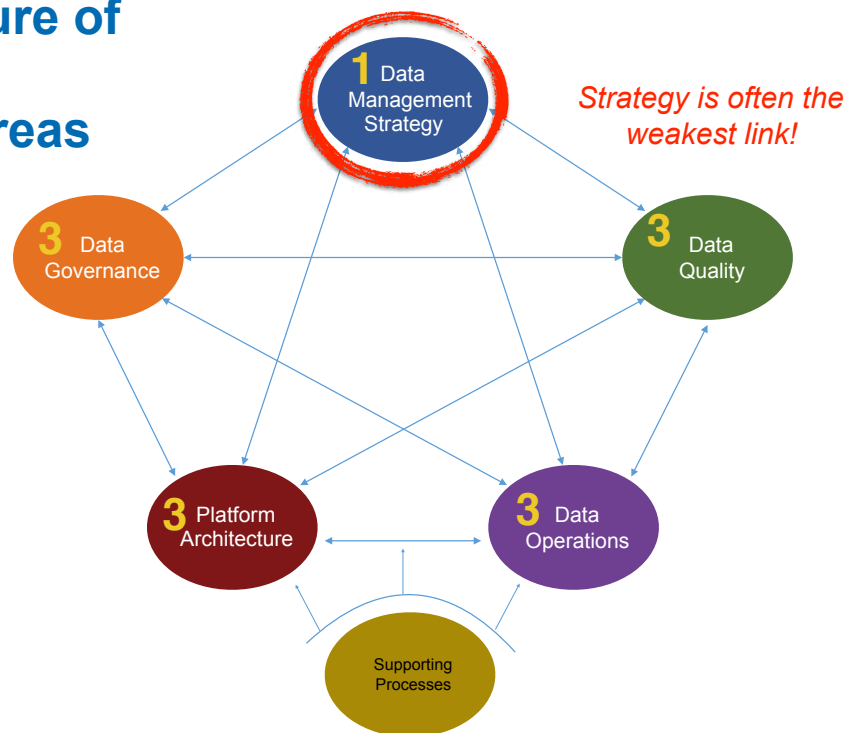
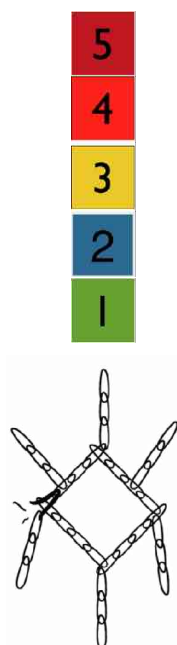
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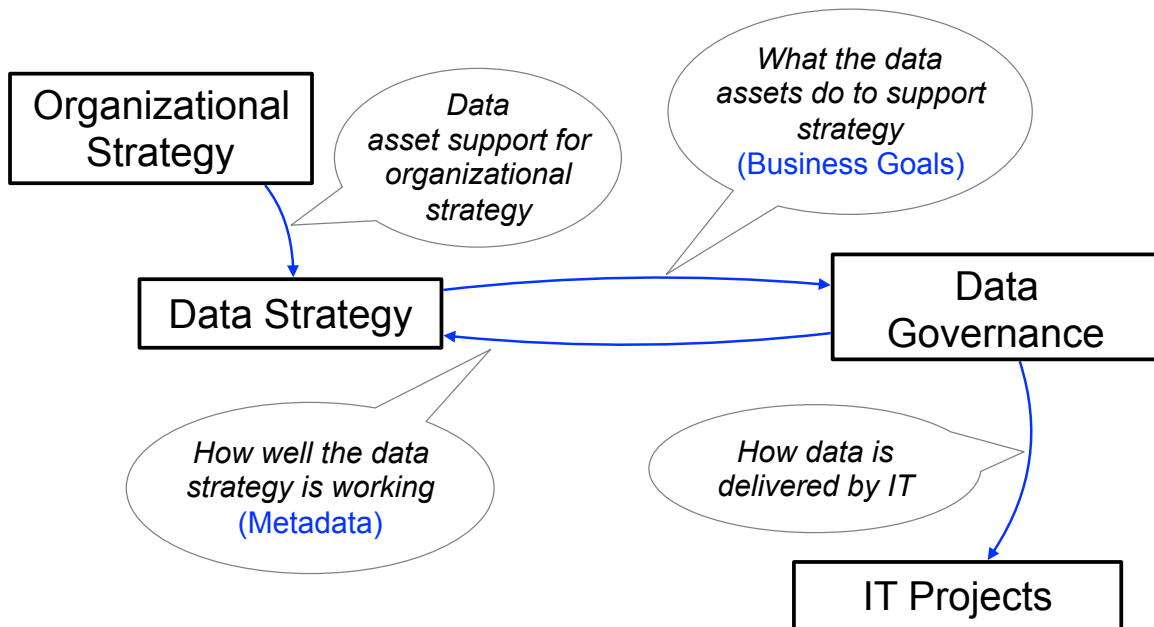
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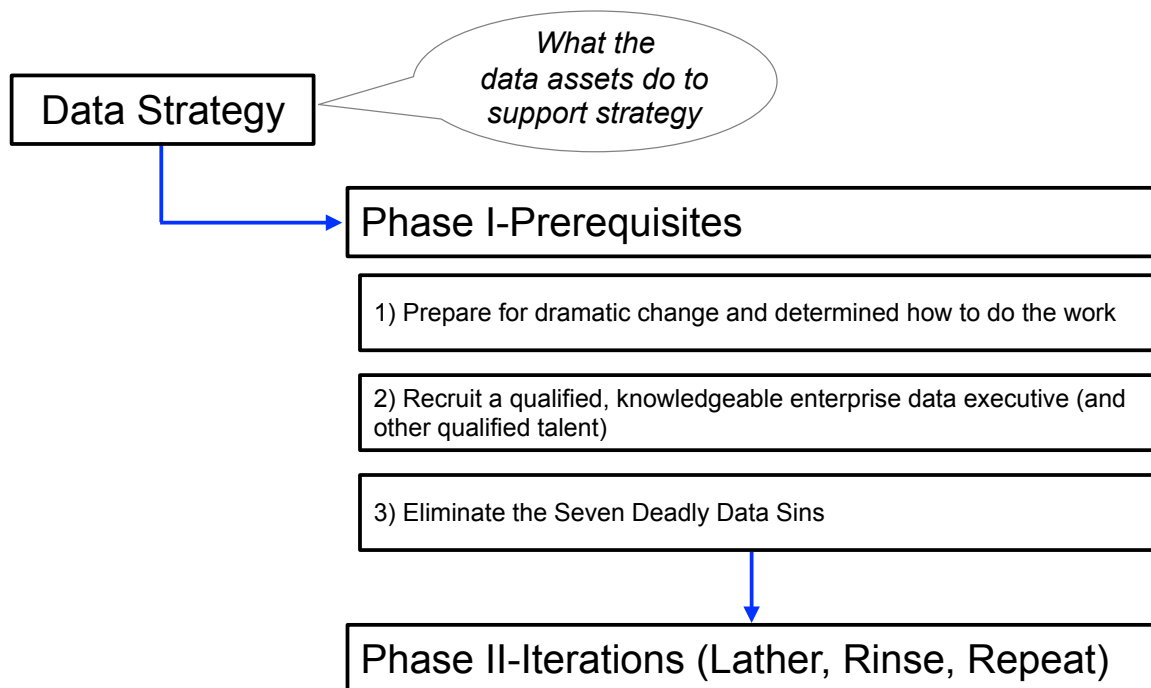
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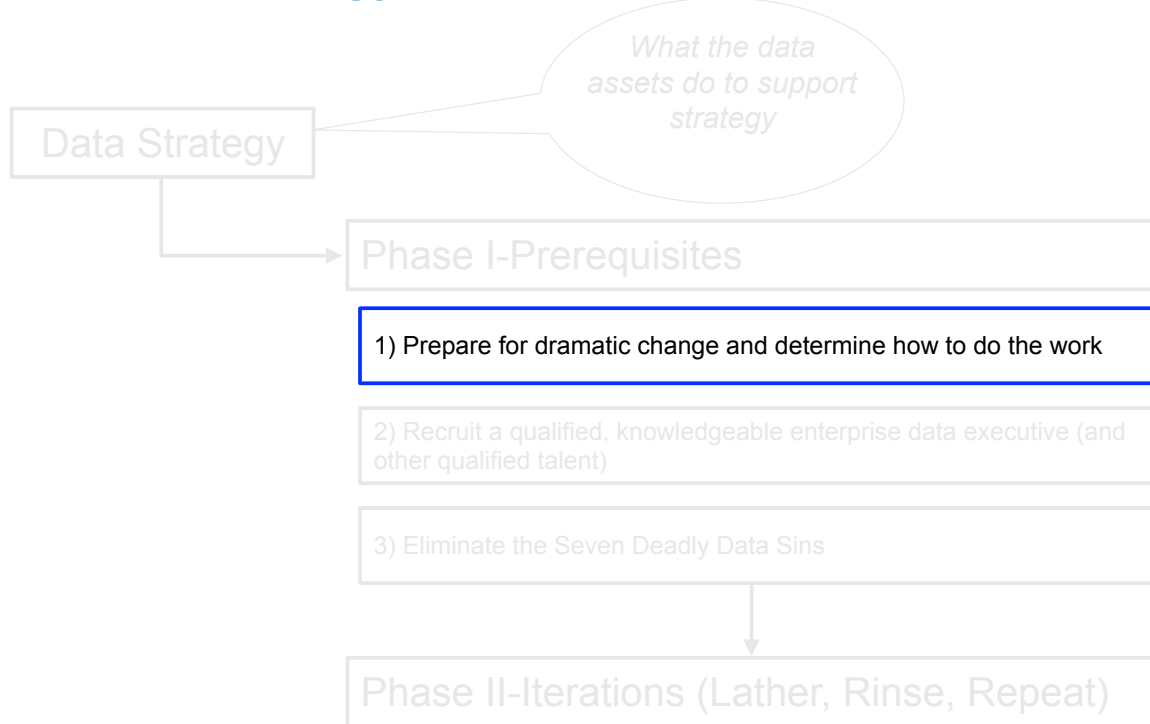
Data Strategy and Data Governance in Context



Data Strategy is Implemented in 2 Phases



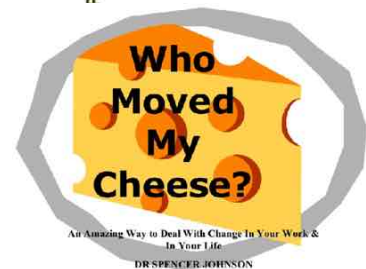
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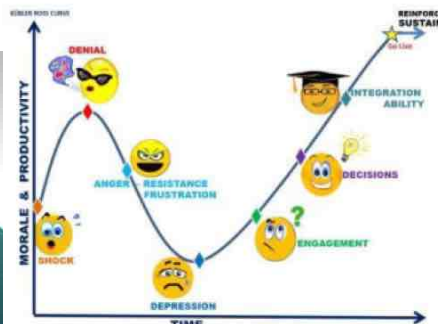
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Change Management



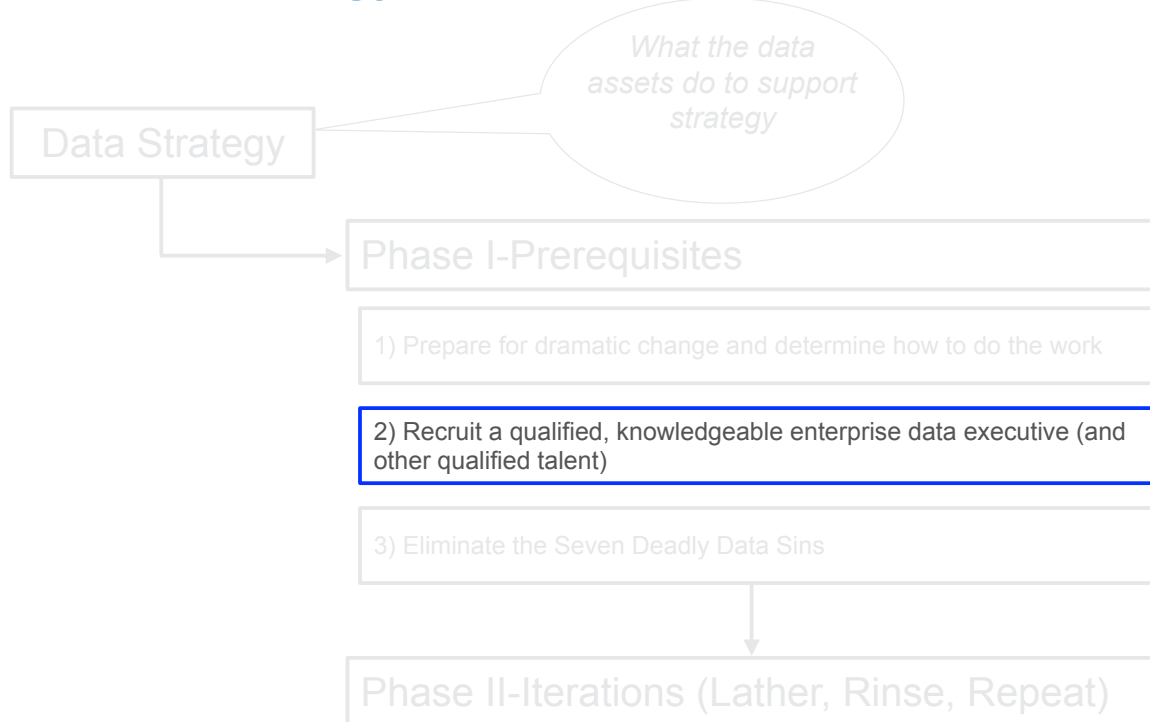
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE TO CHANGE



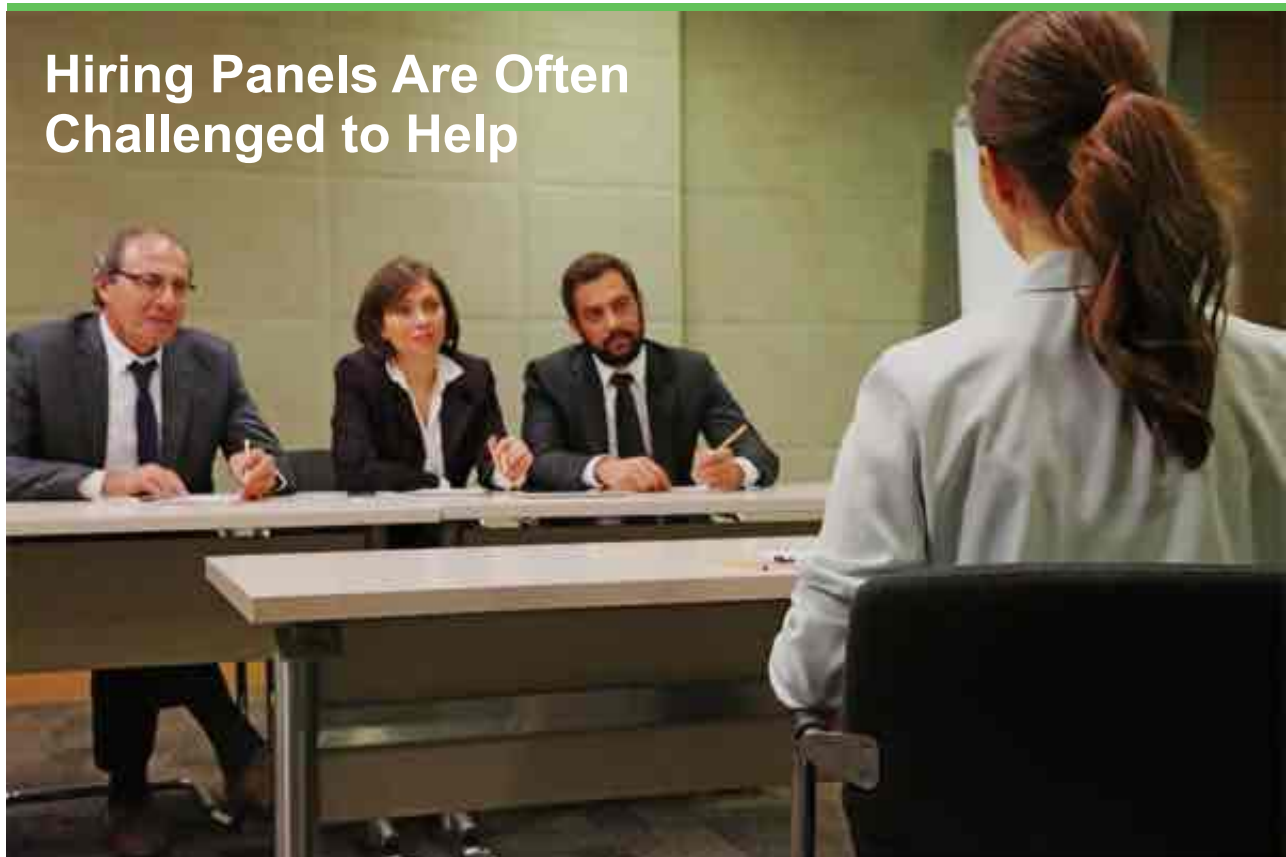
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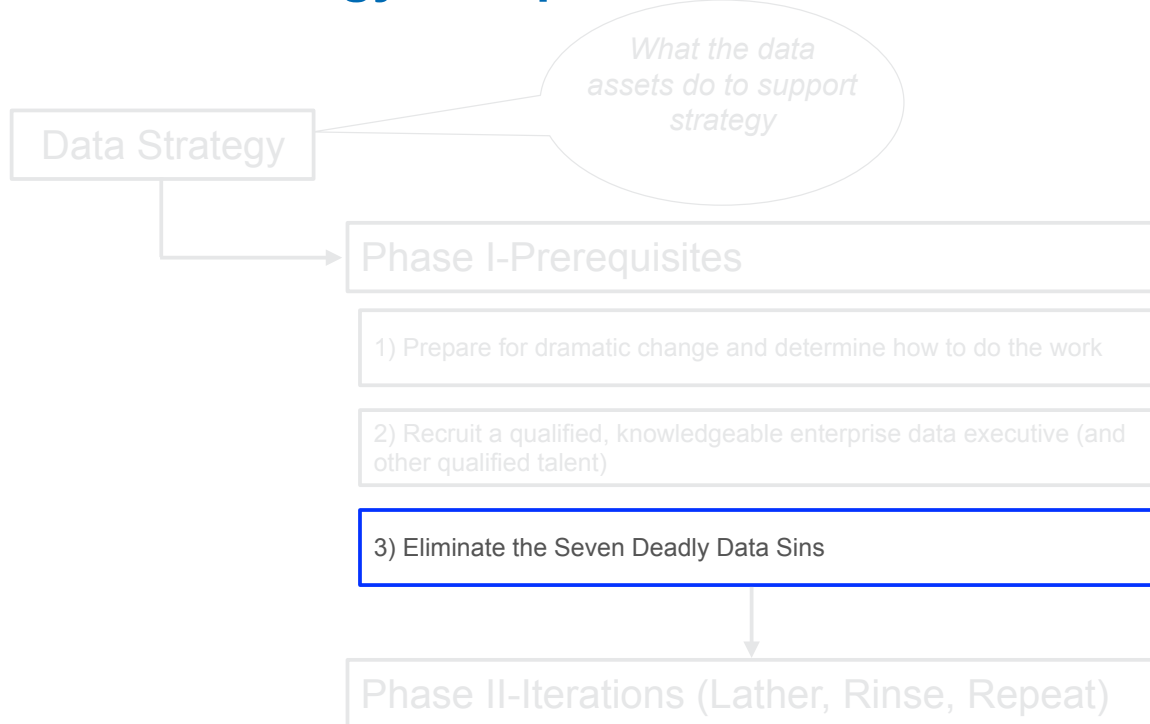
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Hiring Panels Are Often Challenged to Help



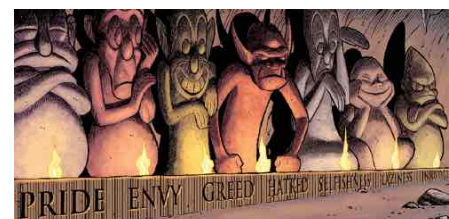
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George Box British Statistician (1919-2013)

“All models are wrong, ...
... some are useful.”

theDataDoctrine.com



We are uncovering better ways of developing
IT systems by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

Data programmes preceding software development

Stable data structures preceding stable code

Shared data preceding completed software

Data reuse preceding reusable code

That is, while there is value in the items on
the right, we value the items on the left more.

Data programmes preceding software development



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Common Organizational Data
(and corresponding data needs requirements)



**Data management
and software
development must
be separated and
sequenced**



Systems
Development
Activities

Evolve

Future State



(Version +1)

*Data evolution is separate from,
external to, and precedes system
development life cycle activities!*

Create

New Organizational
Capabilities



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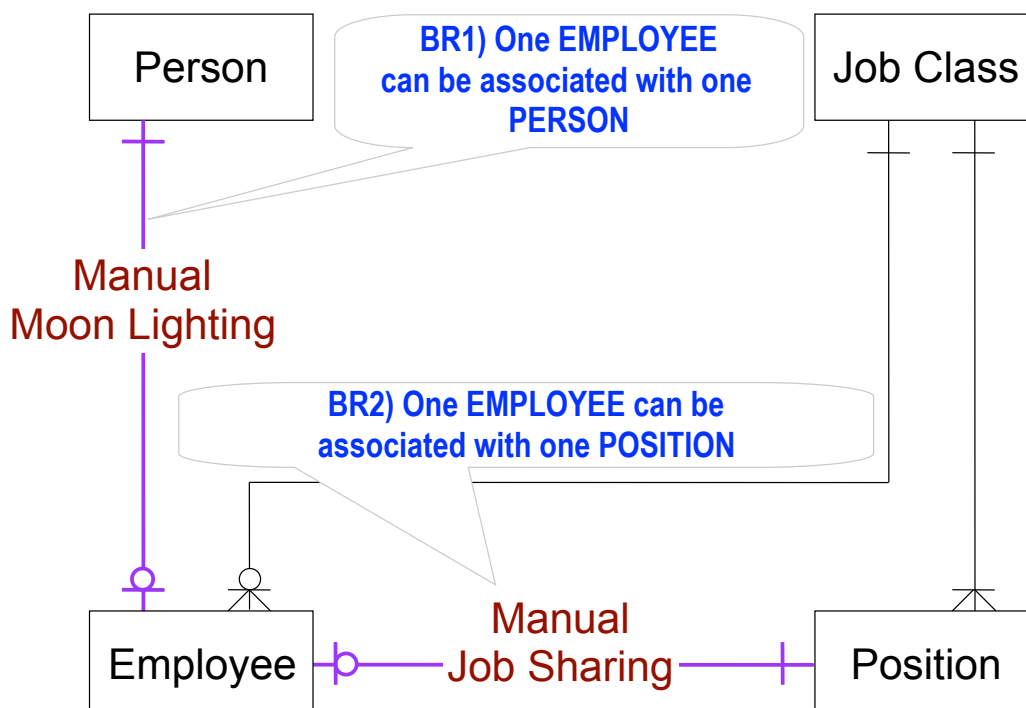
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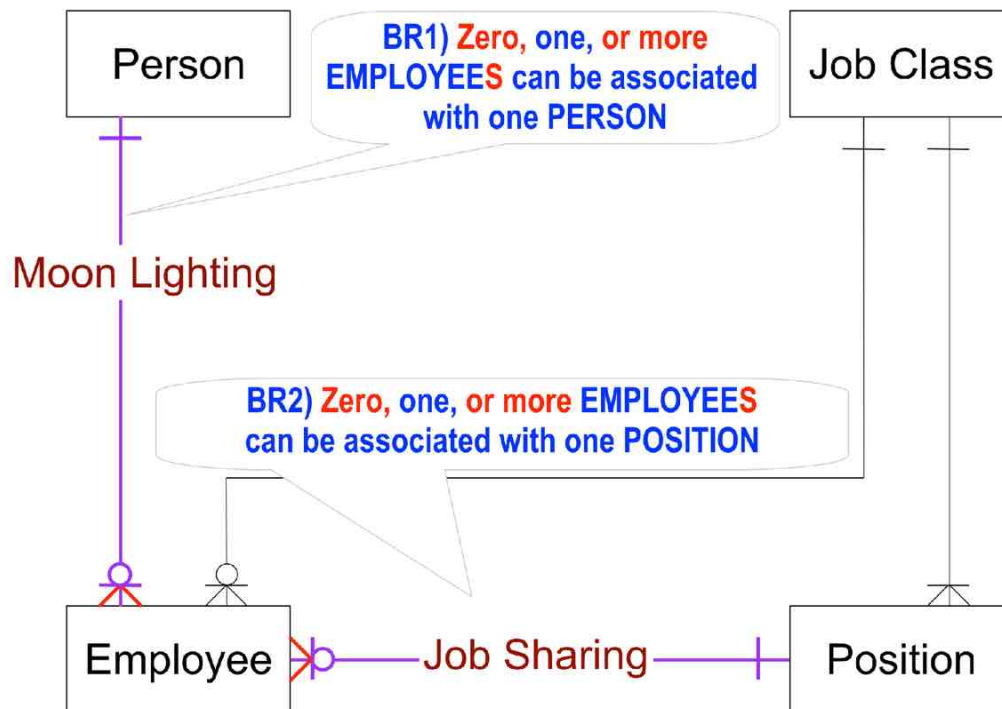
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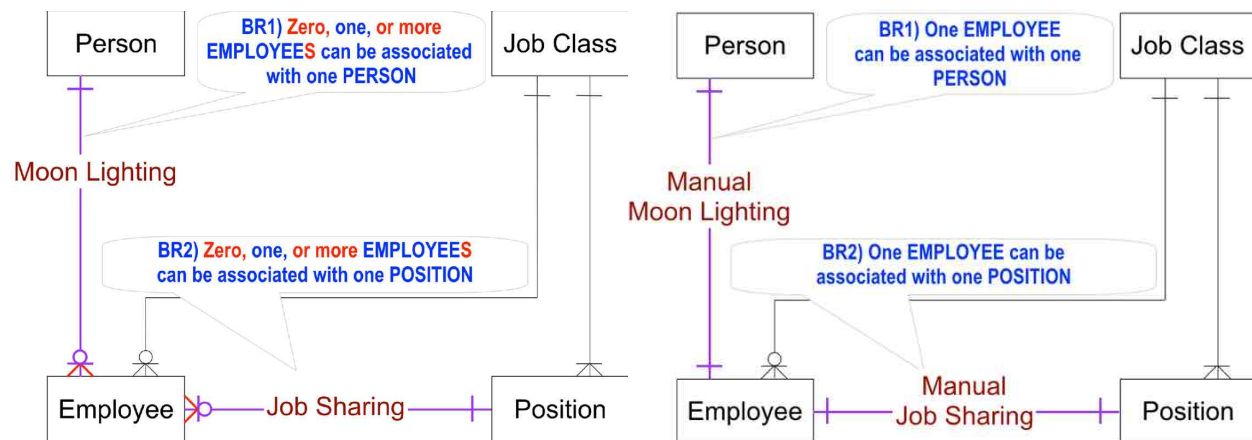
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More flexible data structure

Less flexible data structure



(Requires 2 structural loops more than the more flexible data structure)

Data structures must be specified prior software development/acquisition

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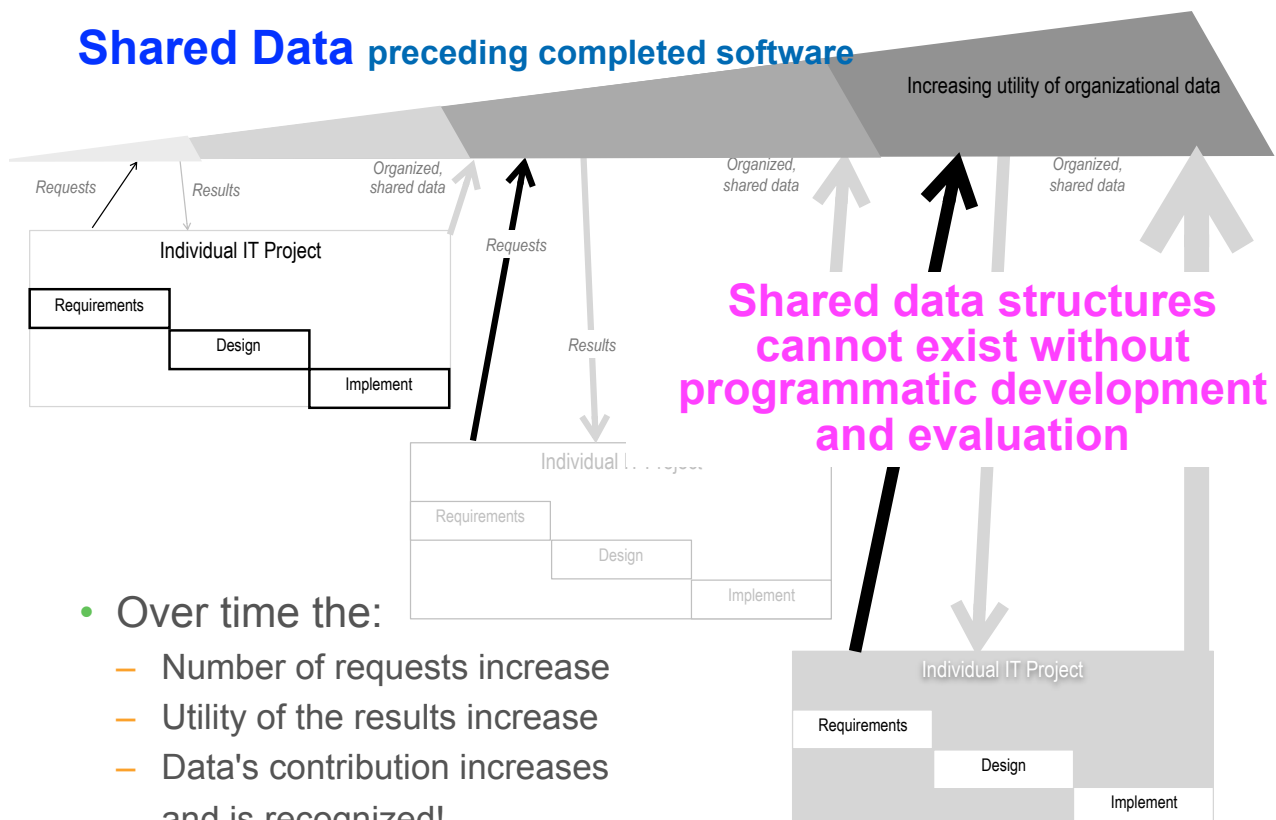
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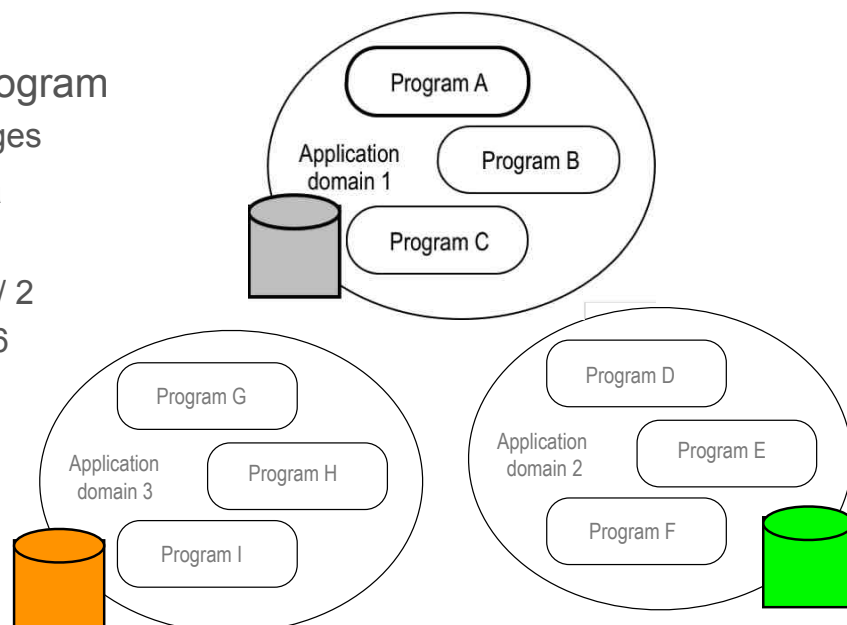
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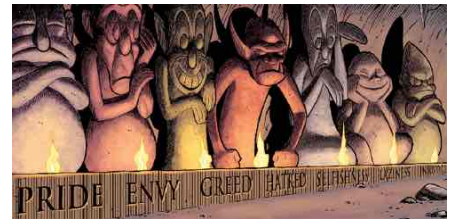
- Reusable software has been valued more than reusable data
- Who makes decisions about the range and scope of common data usage?
- Change a program
 - 9 max changes
- Change data
 - Worst case
 - $(N * (N - 1)) / 2$
 - $(9 * 8) / 2 = 36$



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What do we teach knowledge workers about data?

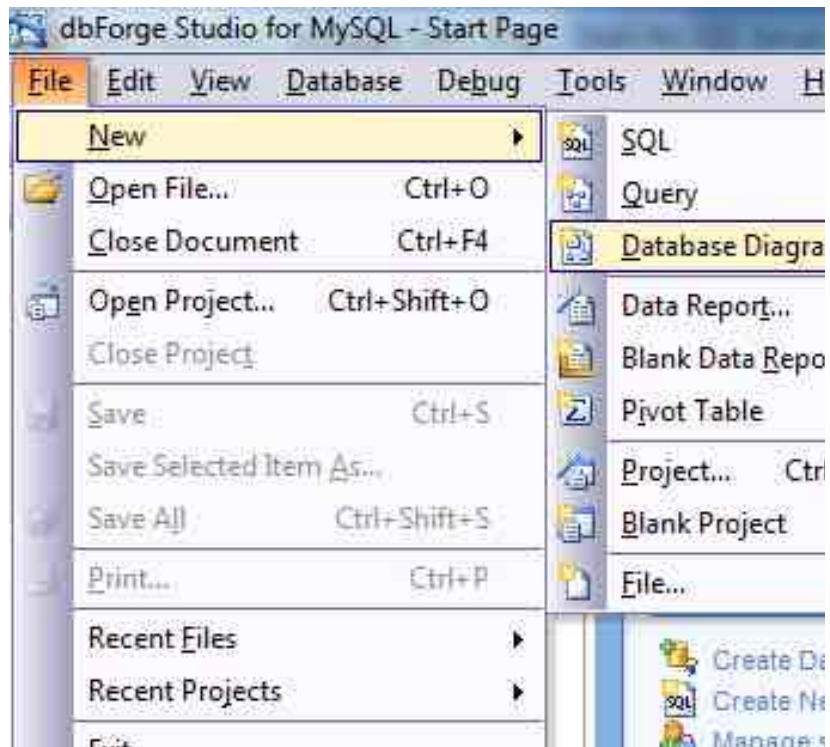


What percentage of the deal with it daily?

100%

What do we teach IT professionals about data?

- 1 course
 - How to build a new database
- What impressions do IT professionals get from this education?
 - Data is a technical skill that is needed when developing new databases

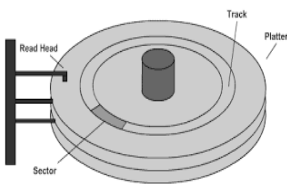


Example

Calculate the access time for a disk with 512 byte/sector and 12 ms advertised seek time. The disk rotates at 5400 RPM and transfers data at a rate of 4MB/sec. The controller overhead is 1 ms. Assume that the queue is idle (so no service time)

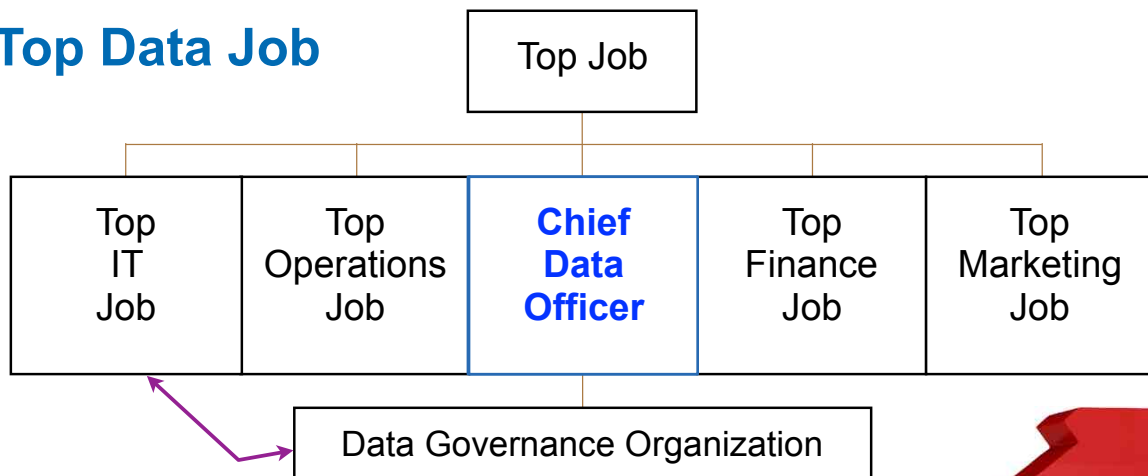
Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Disk Access Time} &= \text{Seek time} + \text{Rotational Latency} + \text{Transfer time} \\
 &\quad + \text{Controller Time} + \text{Queuing Delay} \\
 &= 12 \text{ ms} + 0.5 / 5400 \text{ RPM} + 0.5 \text{ KB} / 4 \text{ MB/s} + 1 \text{ ms} + 0 \\
 &= 12 \text{ ms} + 0.5 / 90 \text{ RPS} + 0.125 / 1024 \text{ s} + 1 \text{ ms} + 0 \\
 &= 12 \text{ ms} + 5.5 \text{ ms} + 0.1 \text{ ms} + 1 \text{ ms} + 0 \text{ ms} \\
 &= 18.6 \text{ ms}
 \end{aligned}$$



If real seeks are 1/3 the advertised seeks, disk access time would be 10.6 ms, with rotation delay contributing 50% of the access time!

Top Data Job



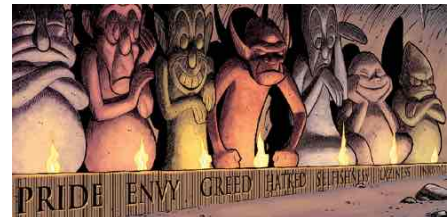
- Dedicated solely to data asset leveraging
- Unconstrained by an IT project mindset
- Reporting to the business
- *90 Percent of Large Global Organizations Will Have Appointed Chief Data Officers By 2019*
(Gartner website accessed January 26, 2016 <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/3190117?>)



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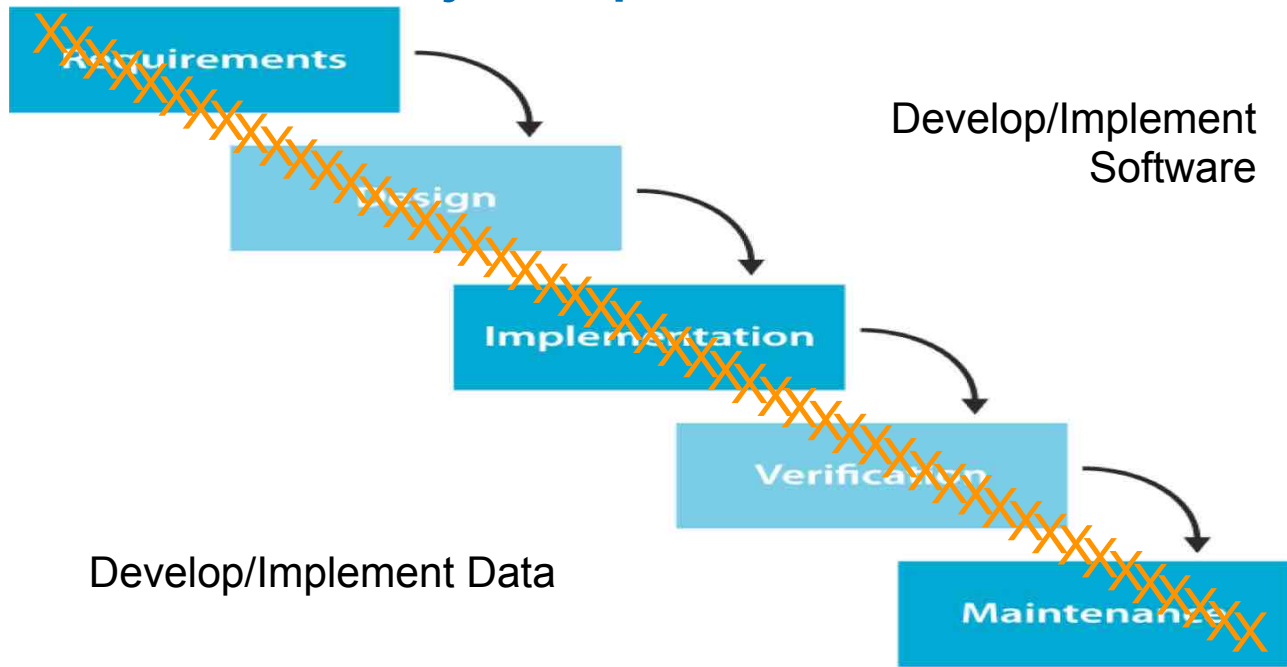
Differences between Programs and Projects

- Programs are Ongoing, Projects End
 - Managing a program involves long term strategic planning and continuous process improvement is not required of a project
- Programs are Tied to the Financial Calendar
 - Program managers are often responsible for delivering results tied to the organization's financial calendar
- Program Management is Governance Intensive
 - Programs are governed by a senior board that provides direction, oversight, and control while projects tend to be less governance-intensive
- Programs Have Greater Scope of Financial Management
 - Projects typically have a straight-forward budget and project financial management is focused on spending to budget while program planning, management and control is significantly more complex
- Program Change Management is an Executive Leadership Capability
 - Projects employ a formal change management process while at the program level, change management requires executive leadership skills and program change is driven more by an organization's strategy and is subject to market conditions and changing business goals



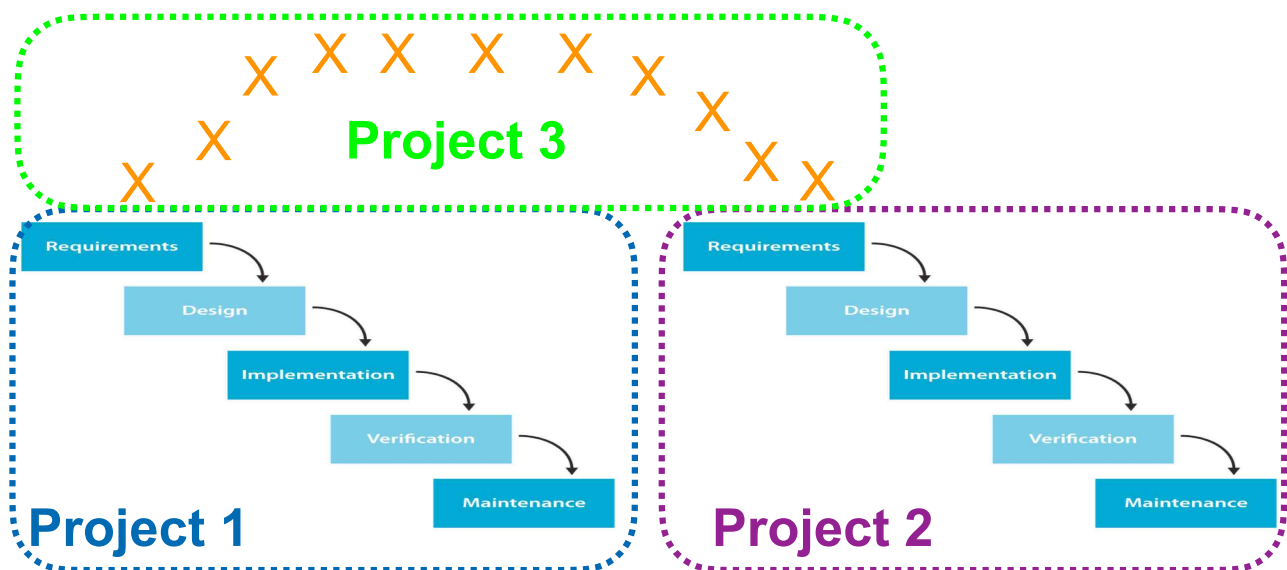
Adapted from http://top.idownloadnew.com/program_vs_project/ and <http://management.simplicable.com/management/new/program-management-vs-project-management>

Project Implementation



***This approach can only work when
no sharing of data occurs!***

Projects Are Silos

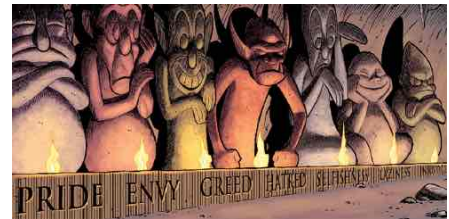


***Shared data structures require programmatic
development and evaluation***

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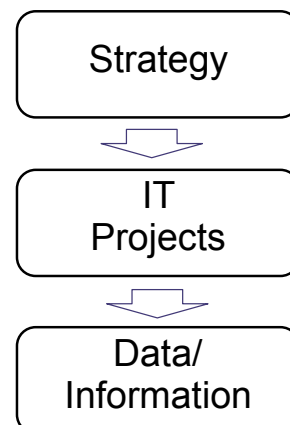
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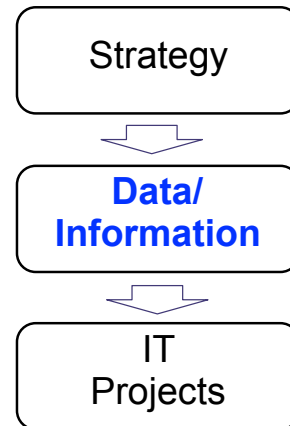
IT Project or Application-Centric Development

- In support of strategy, organizations implement IT projects
- Data/information are typically considered within the scope of IT projects
- Problems with this approach:
 - Ensures data is formed to the applications and not around the organizational-wide information requirements
 - Process are narrowly formed around applications
 - Very little data reuse is possible



Data-Centric Development

- In support of strategy, the organization develops specific, shared data-based goals/objectives
- These organizational data goals/objectives drive the development of specific IT projects with an eye to organization-wide usage
- Advantages of this approach:
 - Data/information assets are developed from an organization-wide perspective
 - Systems support organizational data needs and compliment organizational process flows
 - Maximum data/information reuse



Original articulation from Doug Bagley @ Walmart



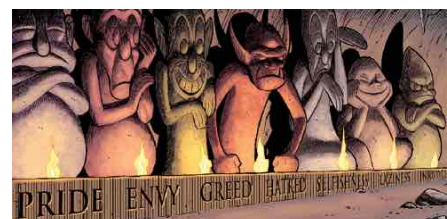
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Data Management Program Expenses

- 5 Data Personnel
- \$100,000 each annually
- When will you be done?
- "It's okay my CIO gave me 5 years!"



ESTIMATING

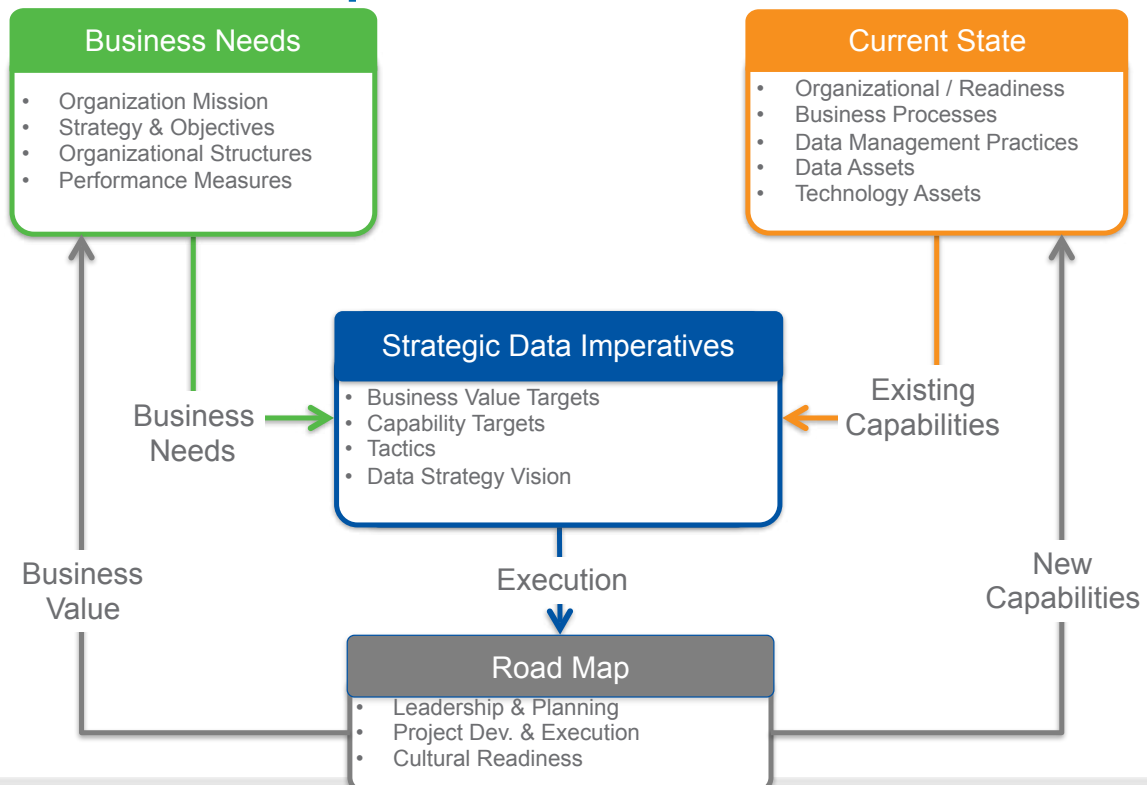
These are all questions we ask ourselves when we, as developers, are presented with a new problem and asked to provide an estimate as to how long it will take **AND** when it will be ready.



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Data Implementation Framework



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Virginia Governor's Data Interns Program



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Virginia Internship Program Pits Grad Students Against Gov Data

For a second year, fresh sets of eyes and cutting-edge data analytics skills are the tools grad students will bring Virginia through the state's data internship program.

BY COLIN WOOD / AUGUST 25, 2015



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Governor McAuliffe Announces 2015-16 Data Internships

~ Virginia Commonwealth University graduate student teams to explore the use of data to improve government efficiency ~

RICHMOND – Governor Terry McAuliffe today announced that Virginia state government and the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business will again work together on data re-engineering internships to explore the use of data to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of state government.

In the 2014-2015 school year, the data internship program's first, 45 graduate students and more than 20 state agencies participated. Those internships have resulted in tangible dollar savings and improved agency processes. Student/agency teams have worked on successful projects, such as Virginia Secretary of Technology Karen Jackson and CIO of the Commonwealth Nelson Moe are leading the effort on behalf of the state. Students who want to apply for internships should contact Peter Aiken (peter.aiken@vcu.edu) for additional information.



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Layers Map Making Find/Results

- Managed Conservation Lands
 - ☐ Managed Conservation Lands
- Conservation Planning
 - ☐ Agricultural Model
 - ☐ Cultural Asset Model
 - ☐ Ecological Cores
 - ☐ Forest Economics Model
 - ☐ Recreational Assets Model
 - ☐ Vulnerability Model
 - ☐ Watershed Integrity Model
- Reference Layers
 - ☐ 24K Grid
 - ☐ Scenic Rivers
 - ☐ Streams (NHD)
 - ☐ Trails
 - ☐ USGS Placenames
 - ☐ VDOT Roads

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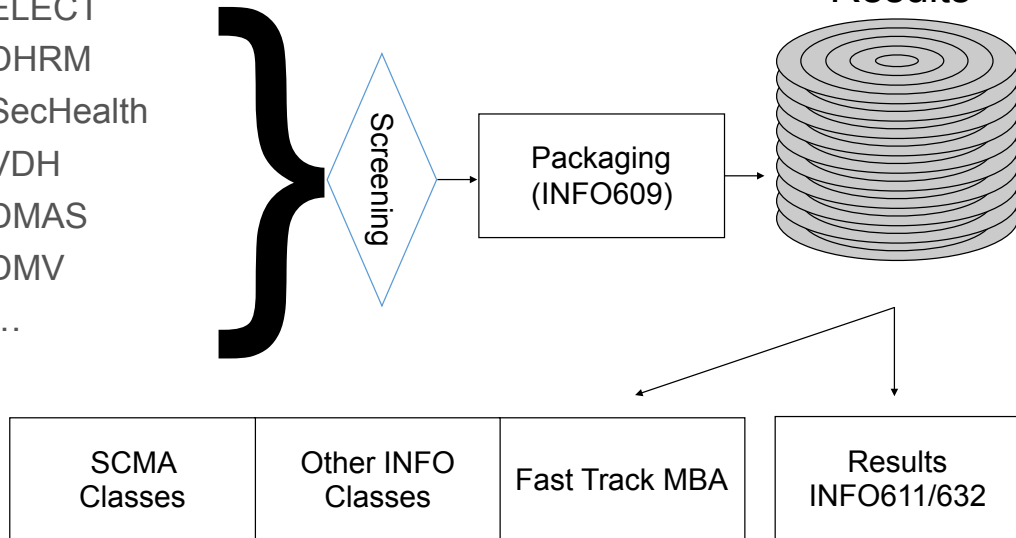
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Two Phase Approach

Commonwealth Agencies

- VDOT
- DARS
- ELECT
- DHRM
- SecHealth
- VDH
- DMAS
- DMV
- ...

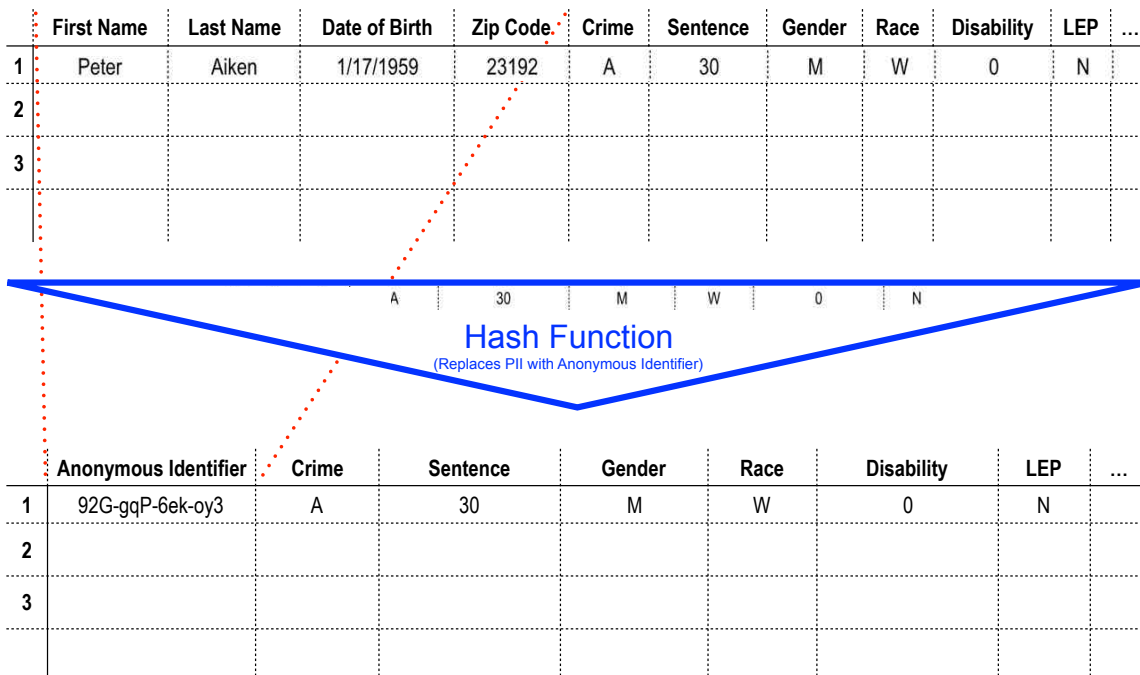
Opportunities
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Results



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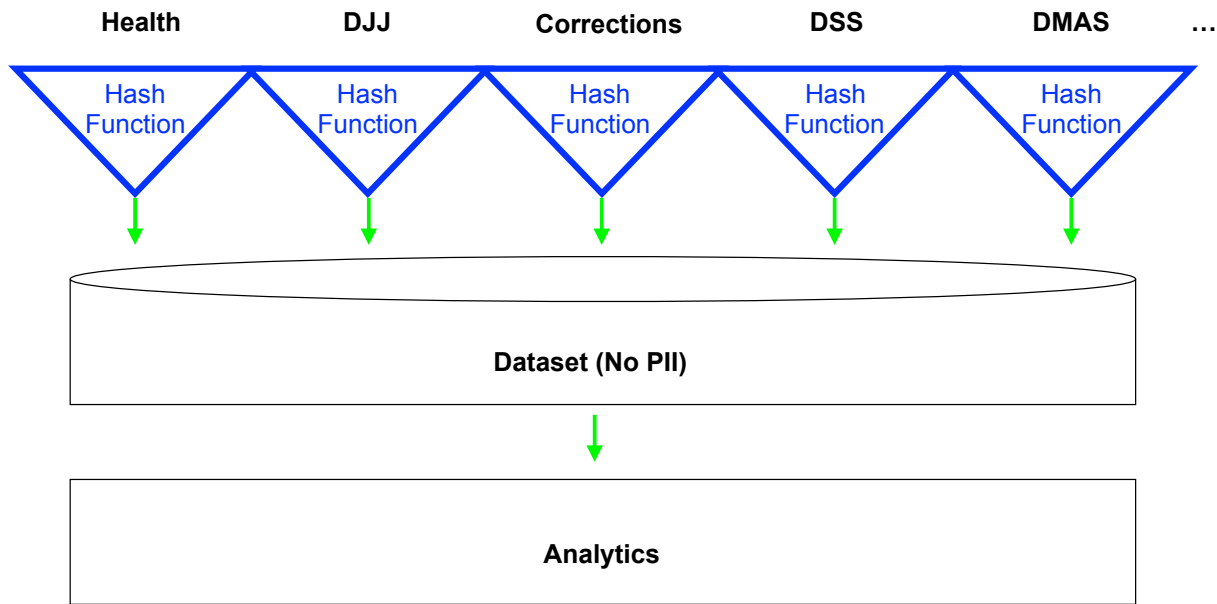
Hashing Process Illustrated



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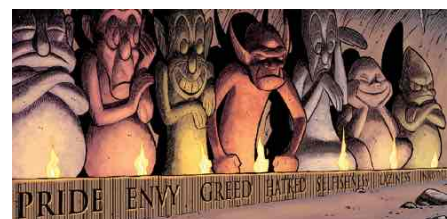
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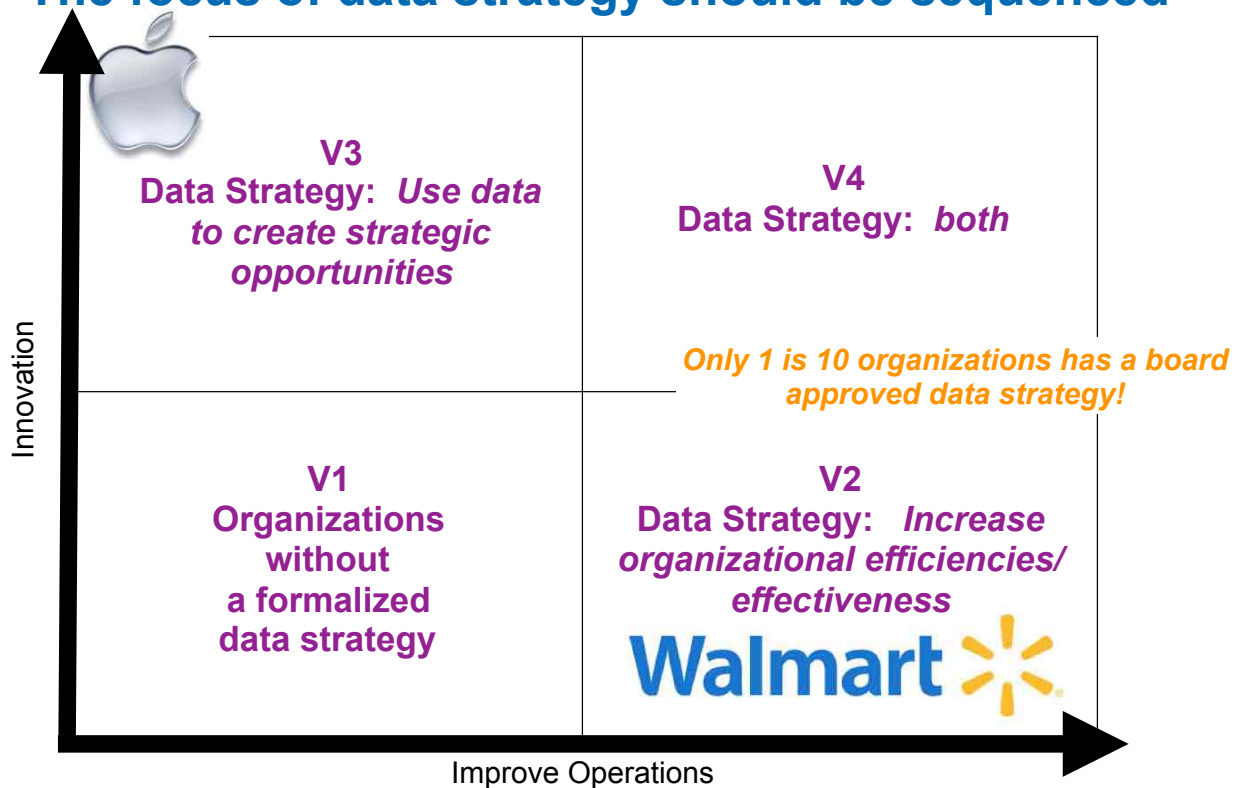
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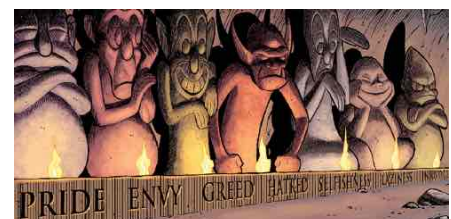
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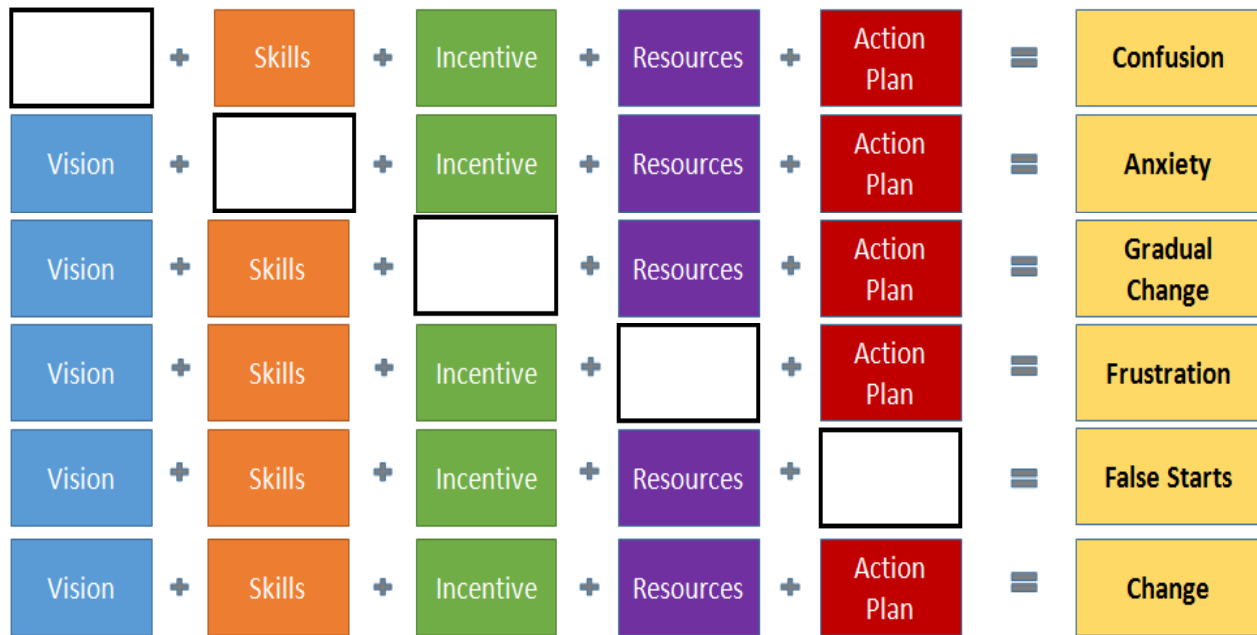
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Diagnosing Organizational Readiness



Culture is the biggest impediment to a shift in organizational thinking about data!



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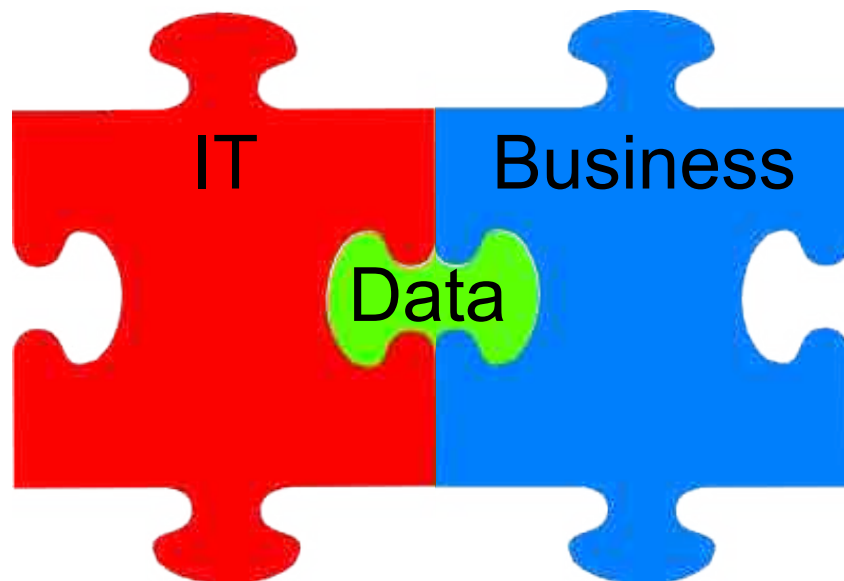


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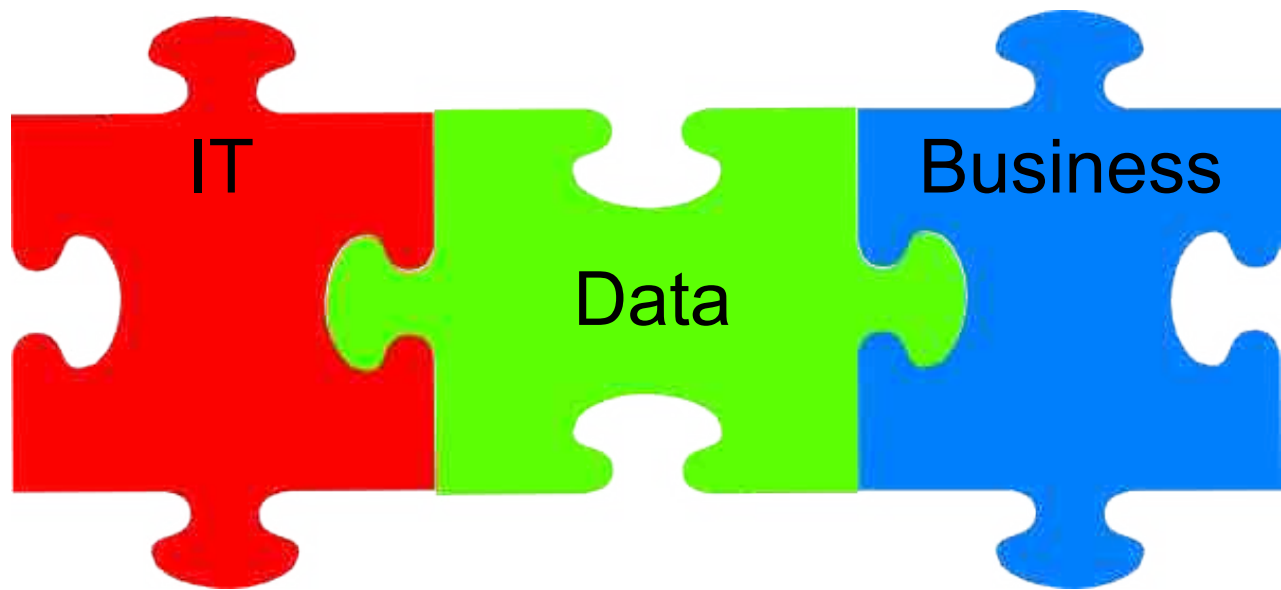
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As Is State of Data (as Perceived)



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